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SECDEF FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (STETSON, JOHN C.)  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 1709 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD ON MARCH 19, I MENTIONED THAT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, JOHN C. STETSON, WAS INTERESTED IN VISITING SAUDI ARABIA ON APRIL 10 AND 11.

2. SAUD AT FIRST REACTED FAVORABLE AND SAID HE WOULD ASK DEFENSE MINISTER SULTAN TO INVITE THE SECRETARY. HE THEN REMEMBER THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTER WOULD BE IN IRAN FROM APRIL 10 TO 13.

3. SAUD SAID HE WOULD INFORM SULTAN OF THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST, BUT THAT SULTAN MIGHT SUGGEST SOME ALTERNATIVE DATES IN VIEW OF HIS PRIOR COMMITMENT TO VISIT IRAN.

4. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER  
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